

In the Specification

Please amend the specification of this application as follows:

Rewrite the paragraph at page 6, line 22 to page 8, line 10 as follows:

--Video message transmission takes place in a manner outlined in Figure 2. Figure 2 illustrates only the general outline of this process. Those skilled in the art would realize that a practical application would require some provision to receive user inputs and commands, such as to initiate video recording, specify the reception station and the like. Program 200 executes on central processing unit 111 of transmission appliance 110. Initially, program 200 continually tests to determine if a video message is to be recorded (decision block 201). Some form of user input would generally be required to initiate this process. Alternatively, central processing unit 111 could be programmed to initiate video recording and transmission upon detection of a predetermined event or set of events, such as expiration of a time period, detection of some external event by a sensor or the like. If not (No at decision block 201), then program 200 repeats this block. If so (Yes at decision block ~~210~~ 201), then program 200 controls recording the video message (processing block 202). Figure 1 illustrates alternate hardware for recording the video message. The video message could be captured by digital video camera 101. Such cameras typically include an integral microphone for capturing audio corresponding to the video. This combined video and audio is transmitted to buffer 116 within transmission appliance 110. Digital video cameras typically employ some type of broadband transmission such as 10Bt Ethernet or IEEE 1394, commonly known as FireWire. This connection could also be by way of a Universal Serial Bus (USB) or any other medium providing acceptable transmission bandwidth. Buffer 116 provides temporary storage of

the received signal from digital video camera 101 until it can be stored in hard disk drive 114. This data may also be intermediately stored in memory 112 prior to storage in hard disk drive 114. As an alternative, the video message could be captured by analog video camera 104. Figure 1 illustrates microphone 103 separate from analog video camera 104. Analog video cameras of the type proposed typically include an integral microphone as described above with regard to digital video camera 101. However, even with an integral microphone, such an analog video camera typically supplies separate audio and video baseband signals as shown in Figure 1. This differs from the typical digital video camera which supplies a combined digital analog and video signal. The respective audio and video baseband signals are supplied to analog to digital converter 118 in transmission appliance 110. Analog to digital converter 118 converts the respective audio and video baseband signals into digital data streams. These digital data streams are stored in hard disk drive 114 as previously described and optionally may be buffered and temporarily stored in memory 112.--